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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) An audio speaker system for a vehicle having a passenger compartment, a spare tire compartment, a trunk having a trunk floor, a dividing portion and a rear deck, said dividing portion and said rear deck dividing the trunk and the passenger compartment, said audio speaker system comprising at least one low frequency speaker disposed within the trunk of the vehicle at the trunk rear in a location spaced from the passenger compartment by the portion of the trunk extending to the front of said vehicle such that said at least one speaker is clear of the rear deck above said trunk floor and outside said spare tire compartment[.].

wherein said at least one speaker is disposed in a rearward section of the trunk occupying negligible useful trunk volume to cause a smaller decrease in calculated trunk volume than would occur with said one speaker mounted in said rear deck.

2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) An audio speaker system in accordance with claim 1 [[2]], wherein said at least one speaker is disposed in a rear trunk corner at the rear of said vehicle.

4. (original) An audio speaker system in accordance with claim 1, wherein said at least one speaker is mounted in an enclosure.

5. (original) An audio speaker system in accordance with claim 1, wherein said vehicle is characterized by a front seat frequency response and a rear seat frequency response constructed and

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arranged to be free of an undesirable peak in the rear seat frequency response of said vehicle between 80-100 Hz and free of an undesirable hole between 60-80 Hz in the front seat frequency response of said vehicle.

6. (original) An audio speaker system for a vehicle in accordance with claim 1 wherein said rear deck is free of speaker holes.

7. (original) An audio speaker system in accordance with claim 6, wherein said at least one speaker is disposed in a rearward section of the trunk occupying negligible useful trunk volume to cause a smaller decrease in calculated trunk volume than would occur with said one speaker mounted in said rear deck.

8. (original) An audio speaker system in accordance with claim 7, wherein said at least one speaker is disposed in a rear trunk corner at the rear of said vehicle.

9. (original) An audio speaker system in accordance with claim 7, wherein said at least one speaker is mounted in an enclosure.

10. (original) An audio speaker system in accordance with claim 7, wherein said vehicle is characterized by a front seat frequency response and a rear seat frequency response constructed and arranged to be free of an undesirable peak in the rear seat frequency response of said vehicle between 80-100 Hz and free of an undesirable hole between 60-80 Hz in the front seat frequency response of said vehicle.